

STREETSCAPE



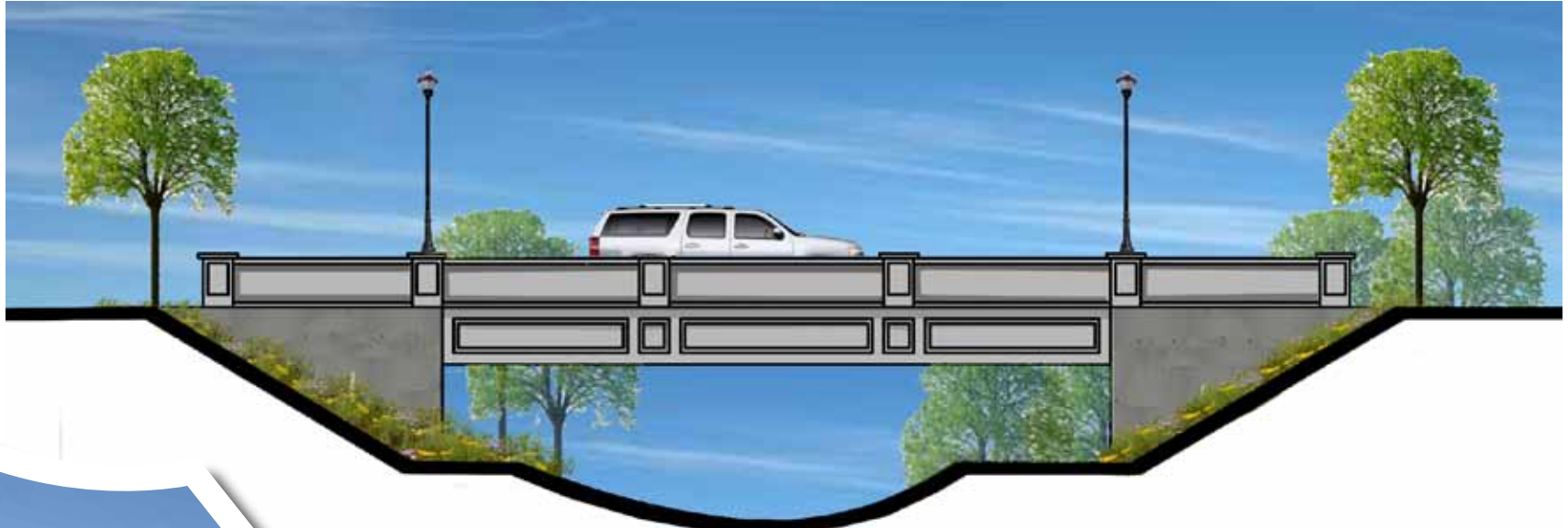
College Street At Kansas Expressway



College Street At Fort Avenue



Fort Avenue Neighborhood Connection



Bridge Over Jordan Creek



College Street Gateway at Kansas Expressway

An overhead gateway marking the entrance to the West Central Route 66 District occurs at Kansas Expressway. The structure is made of timeless, indigenous materials of concrete, stone and metal and serves as a prominent marker inviting travelers to the entrance of the West Central District, Jordan Valley West Meadows and downtown Springfield.

College Street at Fort Avenue

Fort Avenue north leads to the entrance of Jordan Valley West Meadows. From College you can get there on foot, bike or in a car. Looking south at Fort, a stair connection gives a direct pedestrian connection as well as accommodating those pushing bikes in a bike channel constructed in the stairs.





Broadway Gateway

Mid-corridor is another gateway element. A uniquely stylized, brightly colored, lit clock tower marking the gateway at Broadway and College takes the form of an old gas pump with a see-through glass bubble on top and a rotating clock face inside. In this area, the sidewalk widens to a treed plaza that accommodates tables for an outdoor café and bench seating where travelers or residents can pause from shopping to people watch. There is a stepped planter box that serves as a focal point as well as separating the pedestrian street traffic and encouraging socialization.



- KEY**
- 1 Streetlight with identification banners (typical)
 - 2 Street tree in bumpout planter (typical)
 - 3 Brick paver pedestrian street crossing
 - 4 Gas pump clock
 - 5 Paver plaza
 - 6 Tree bosque in plaza
 - 7 Neighborhood identification signage
 - 8 Stepped/lighted planter
 - 9 On street parking

Gateway At Broadway Avenue

College Street At Broadway Avenue

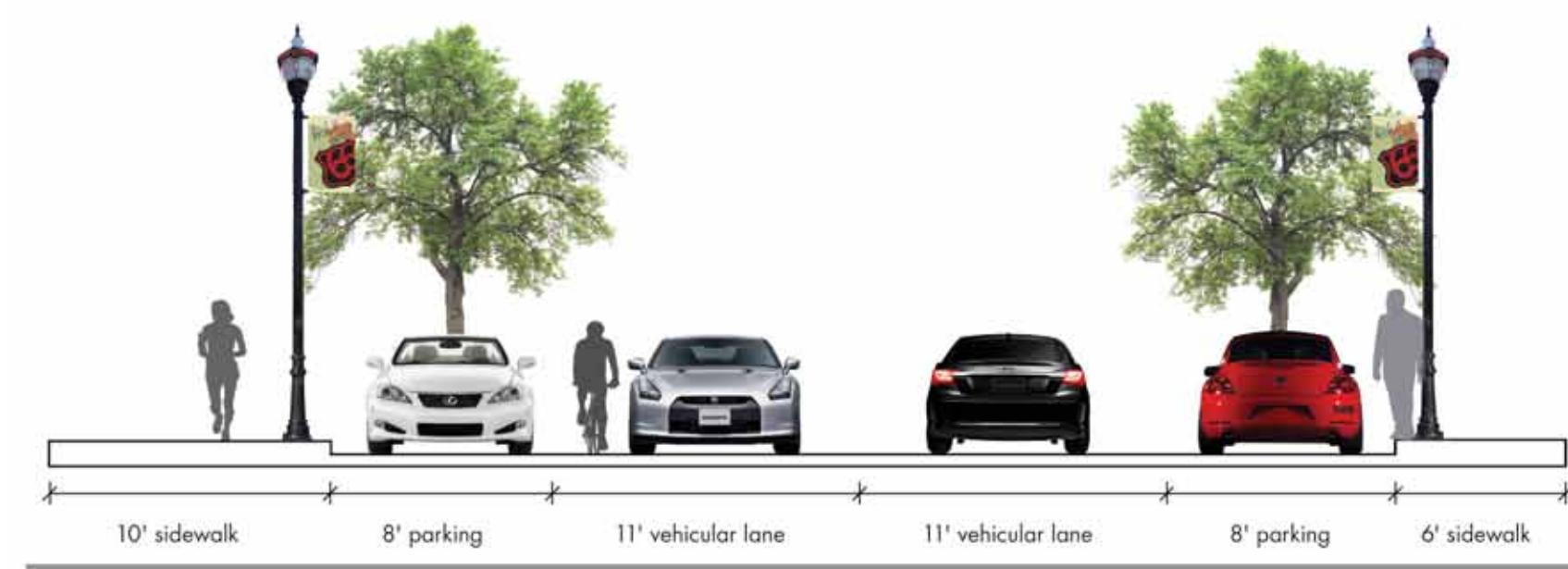


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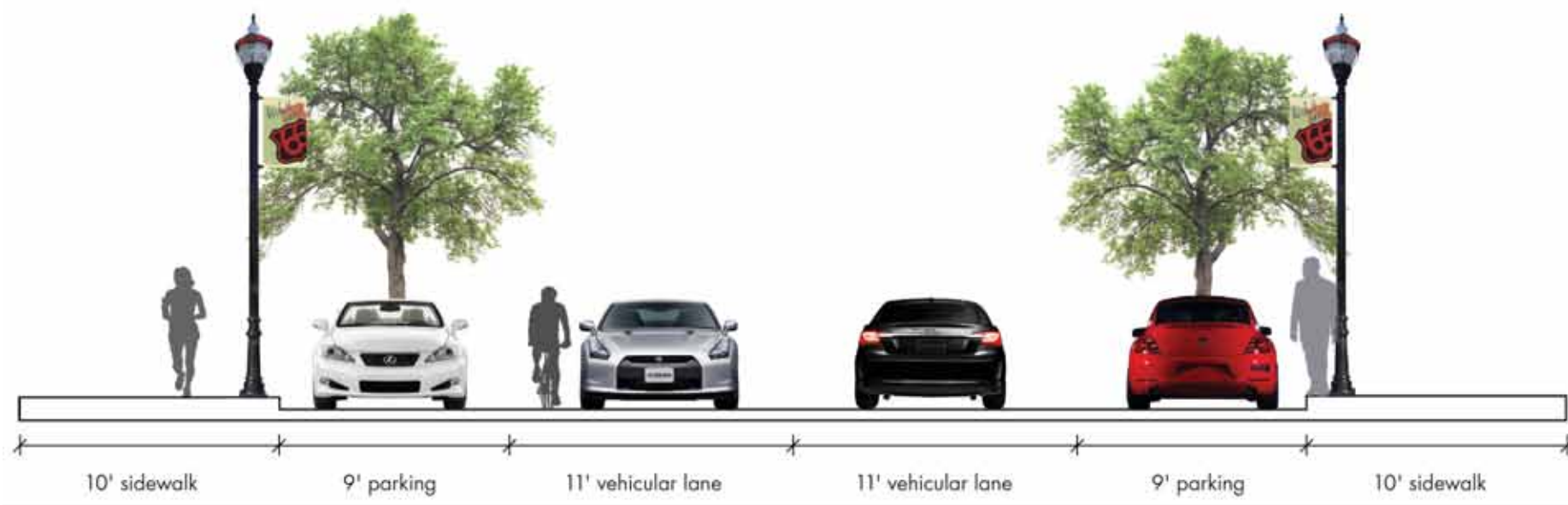
The College Street "Streetscape" refers to roadway and sidewalk elements located in the public right of way, including travel lanes, parking, driveways, streetlights, sidewalks, street trees and landscaping. The first in a series of projects that will celebrate Historic Route 66 in its Birthplace home, this revitalization project extends the downtown streetscape "look" on College Street, through the West Central neighborhood.

The sidewalk layout in the concept capitalizes on repeating the clean, simple lines of Springfield's traditional "picture frame" concrete sidewalk providing a clear path of travel for pedestrians. Bump outs with plantings of street trees, low shrubs and groundcovers allow for a sense of separation between the street traffic and parking and sidewalk space and help identify the accessible pedestrian crossings. Key features of the design include gathering spaces at the pedestrian crossings to invite pedestrians, promote reinvestment in the area and provide traffic calming. Seating areas use benches that provide the right historic character to complement the design theme. They are strategically placed to complement adjacent businesses and at crosswalk locations. A continuation of a variation of the downtown streetlights boasts banners that identify the West Central 66 District and Historic Route 66. Thematic wayfinding and signage has also been developed to help identify the area and guide users to adjacent use areas. A new bridge over Jordan Creek allows for pedestrian and bike traffic on College Street as well as under the bridge on the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail that runs from Jordan Valley to western Greene County.





50' ROW



60' ROW



SIGNAGE PACKAGE



College Street At Grant Avenue

Grant Gateway

The gateway to the West Central 66 District located at Grant and College is marked with concrete, stone and metal monument signs on each corner, one next to Bud's Tire and Wheel and one next to Mother's

Brewery. The monument signs welcome travelers from the Downtown District into the West Central Route 66 District, providing a sense of arrival and excitement to the opportunities that lie ahead.



Project Area

The College Street Corridor Project extends from Kansas Expressway east nearly a mile to Grant Avenue. The Corridor is defined by three areas that characterize the look and feel of the street. These characteristics were used to identify opportunities for improvements on College Street.

The area between Kansas Expressway and Fort Avenue is characterized by large-scale business and industrial uses. This part of the corridor is open and has very few trees. The gateway to College at Kansas provides an opportunity for a large scale, well-lit, visible gateway treatment.

The corridor between Fort Avenue and Broadway is defined by varying heights of the grade from the properties on the south side being five feet higher than the north side which is street level and then falls away sharply at a bluff line. There are many vacant properties and a few residences and businesses further to the east.

College Street from Broadway to Grant Avenue provides a connection to the Springfield Center City. This area is mainly characterized by its residential housing and small-scale local businesses. There are mature trees on the adjacent properties giving the street a livable feel.

About the Project

The overall goal of the concept for the College Street Corridor is to make College Street a safe, efficient, and enjoyable street for all users: pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit users, business people, shoppers and visitors. Likewise, the College Street roadway design must balance the needs and functions of the street—as a transportation thoroughfare, a healthy commercial district, and a respectful neighbor & social gathering place.

The context and environment along College Street is also instrumental in defining the character of the Corridor, and serves as an important component of the street. The streetscape design honors the Route 66 heritage, as well as the neighborhood and business context in which College Street is situated; connecting to downtown, and Jordan Valley West Meadows, harmonizing with the surrounding residential environment, and relating to the adjacent Jordan Creek. The concept also recognizes the distinctive character of different stretches of the street and allows for variations in the streetscape, while maintaining an overall internal aesthetic character defined by a tree lined street with an emphasis on the pedestrian environment.



COLLEGE STREET CORRIDOR

FINAL CONCEPT

